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**Kentucky State Reformatory
Receives Near-Perfect Audit Score**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 14, 2015) – Kentucky State Reformatory (KSR) in LaGrange received a near-perfect audit score on its recent re-accreditation audit with the American Correctional Association (ACA). The prison received a total score of 99.4 percent. KSR received its initial accreditation in 1982 and this audit marks the 12th accreditation in the history of the institution.

All the auditors, John Sargeant, Ernest Umunna, Gerald Ellsworth, and ACA Chairperson Nancy Dobbs were impressed with the facility and staff.

“Accreditation is a lengthy three-year cycle, yet with all the changes KSR is staying on top of it,” said Auditor John Sargeant. “This was a good audit and a good facility.”

Warden Aaron Smith also congratulated the KSR employees. “Working in an 80-year-old facility takes a lot of work and staff did a great job,” said Smith. “The institution runs like it should.”

Department of Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson also congratulated the KSR employees. “I’m very proud of the staff at Kentucky State Reformatory,” said Thompson. “The accreditation process gives us an opportunity to demonstrate the excellent standard set by the department and KSR has shown their dedication to this standard by receiving this outstanding score.”

ACA accreditation consists of more than 530 national standards that cover security, operational and programming aspects of a prison and require constant monitoring and quality control checks. Each prison is audited by ACA every three years and has an interdepartmental audit (Program Security Review) every year. Kentucky has been a member of ACA since the early 1980s.

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